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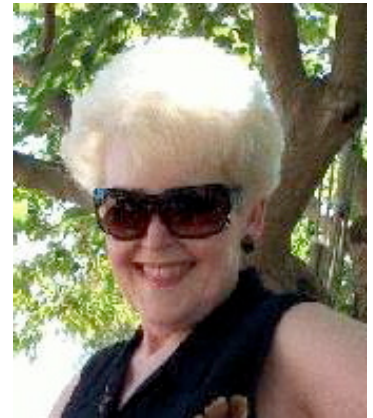
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DX IS
BE THERE

FROM THE PREZ

Pack your bags – Visalia, here we come!

I hope everyone is as excited as I that the International DX Convention is just a couple of weeks away. For the past 35 years, Wayne and I have attended this convention. And, for each and every one, I have thoroughly enjoyed. My memories could write a book. What a funny and happy book that would be. I never realized the long and arduous work that goes into planning a large convention as this one. However, having served on the convention committee for the past several years, I want you to know it is intense, yet fun. Once again, this year's committee will wow and dazzle you with fun and interesting programs.



The March SCDXC general meeting was great. Cliff Cheng PHD, WW6CC, was the guest speaker. Cliff has done a long and lengthy research on Novices. He entertained the members with a slide presentation consisting of facts, figures, and pictures of young boys who were the first to take the first-time novice test offered back in 1952. A couple of pictures in his slides were Don Minkoff, NK6A, and Jim Zimmerman, N6KZ. Both of these pictures were taken when they were about 16 yrs. old. Back when young boys were thin and had a full head of hair. This brought expected laughter from the audience. Everyone enjoyed the program as they walked down memory lane.

Another delight for the meeting was Sharon Paquette's redux of her homemade desserts and variety of sodas. They say women always love to feed their men because it makes them happy. Well, the yums, lip licking and smiles were an indication that Sharon was successful. I'm sure you don't want to miss May's meeting.

Another member of SCDXC has become a silent key. Arlene Kaltman, KF6LAF, passed away Sunday, March 16. "She fought the good fight." Her husband and best friend, Neil, K6SMF, were always together. Whether it was selling at a swap meet, attending conventions all over the USA or attending the SCDXC meeting, Arlene would be there to razz you and tell you a joke. We all will miss you, Arlene, and we'll never forget you.

The Clipperton Dxpedition is over. The group is home. And now we wait to hear about and see the pictures of their trials and tribulations and the number of QSO's they made. Polling the members at the March meeting, it appears everyone made contact, and some had numbers around 30. Having Bob Grimmick, N6OX, and Arnie Shatz, N6HC, as members of the TX5C expedition and members of the club, we all wait for their first-hand story.

88's and good Dxing. Sharon Spring, K6IRD President, SCDXC



Bob, W6ZPL and Gérard, F2JD aboard the Shogun on February 27th just prior to departing for Clipperton Island. Courtesy Jim Shryne, N6DHZ

CONGRATULATIONS

I just received my J5C confirmation for my 160M contact, it is my 100th card. So now I can join the ranks of 160M DXCC at the Visalia convention. It was 10 years in the making.....

de Rick, W6SR, Mother Lode DX Contest Club

FROM THE VEEP



Hello All you DX'ers...

Just wanted to remind you there will be no April meeting. Everyone is working hard as

time is ticking away and getting that much closer to our Convention in Visalia! It's a fun packed weekend with tons to do. It's not just for the men...but the ladies too! For those that get there early...Remember Big Bubba's Bar-B-Que is the meeting place Thursday night for great food and bull riding for anyone up to the challenge. Everyone had a great time last year - hope more of you will join us this year!

So sign up and start gearing up to help make this one of the best conventions yet! Great presentations, raffles and interesting people from all over will keep you busy the entire weekend.

See all of you in Visalia...

Tom Paquette, N6OT

Vice President SCDXC

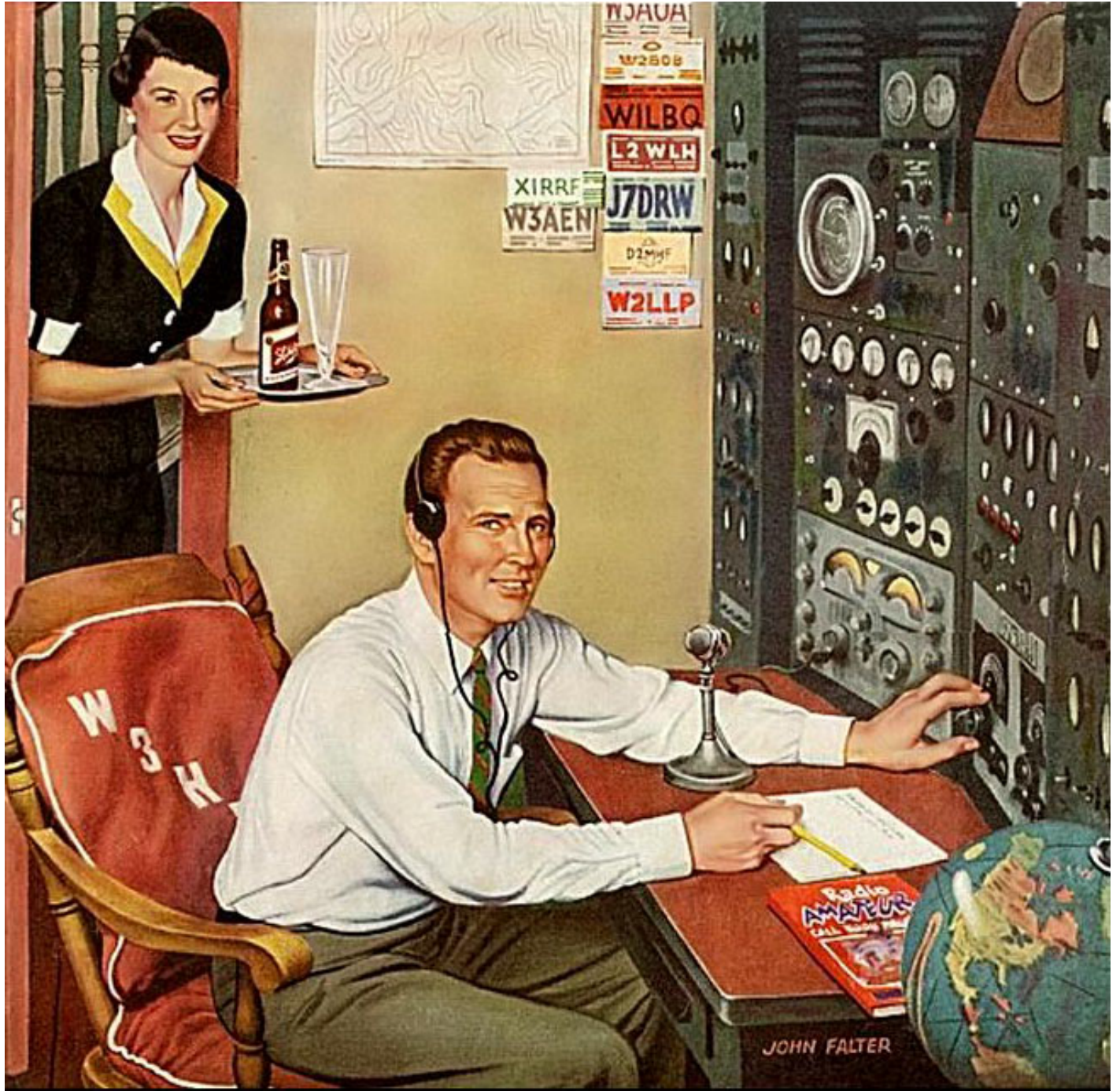
FROM CQ MAGAZINE

This table lists all CQ-sponsored on-air competitions, including contest name, month in which it is held, weekend within that month, issue in which rules appear and issue in which results appear. In addition, all rules are posted on the CQ website <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, as are expanded results for the CQWW and CQ WPX contests and some previously published complete results. Some contest directors have their own web pages with additional information.

CQ National Foxhunting	May	2nd or 3rd full wknd	www.homingin.com >
CQWW WPX / CW	May	Last full wknd	www.cqwpw.com >
CQWW VHF	July	3rd full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW RTTY DX	Sept	4th full wknd	www.cq-amateur-radio.com >
CQWW DX / SSB	Oct	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >
CQWW DX / CW	Nov	Last full wknd	www.cqww.com >



courtesy of WB6PSY



NO COMMENT

From the editor

Here we are again, another month goes by and we have many members that have not paid their dues for 2008. According to our by-laws, members who have not paid their dues do not get the newsletter.

The Board has agreed that in compliance with the Constitution and By Laws that only paid members would receive the newsletter. (Honorary, Charter and Special mailings are not affected.) Starting in May, only those paid up for 2008 will receive the newsletter.

A side note to all of this. Some folks have paid and do not receive their copy. Here are some of the reasons.

When we add new and better spam software to protect us from junk, we forget to permit those addresses that we communicate with. (like club members, especially the Secretary, Editor and Membership Chairman.) And **when I change my address** I need to let you know so you can add it to your address book. **Otherwise, you cannot receive the newsletter unless you permit it.**

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Article A Constitution and By Laws

in the By-Laws of the SCDXC and the relevant sections are printed below.

Section 2. Dues shall be assessed annually and are due on December 31st. Dues for new members only shall be pro-rated according to the month joining.

Section 7. Any member delinquent in dues after January 31 of the current year shall be notified. If the dues are not paid within thirty (30) days after notification, membership will be terminated.

If you haven't paid your dues, and before you become a "former member of the SCDXC," won't you please send your check to the address below. Only \$18.00 US

Mel Hughes - K6SY
SCDXC Membership Chairman
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From some friendly folks in Visalia

From: Raymond Quinn <w6ray@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 17:46:22 -0700

To: <secretary@scdxc.org>

Subject: DX Convention

To Whom It May Concern:

As the past secretary and member of the Tulare County Amateur Radio Club, located in Visalia, I wanted to let you know [that our Club repeater is available for all traveling to and from the DX Convention. The frequency is 146.880 \(-\) with encode and decode CTCSS of 103.5 hertz.](#) Coverage is from the Grapevine along Interstate 5 to the south and about Merced to the north along both Interstate 5 and California 99. This coverage is often further to the north than Merced. The repeater is located at 7500' on Park Ridge, east of Fresno near Grant Grove, Kings Canyon National Park. The system also includes a receiver located on Milk Ranch, above Ash Mountain, Sequoia National Park with a beam pointed directly at Visalia. There is another receiver at the airport site. This makes the repeater easily accessible via a hand held radio, even indoors.

This repeater also includes IRLP Node 8120 and Echolink Node 152747, for which I am responsible. The only access code is for the Echolink, which requires a "C" to be keyed before the node number they are calling. (ie.: C12345)

The Tulare County ARC welcomes all licensed amateurs.

73 de Ray Quinn W6RAY

Visalia, CA DM06ih

NOTES FROM N3GK/ADXO

DATE		ENTIDY	CALL	QSL
2008 Apr01	2008 Apr03	Montserrat	VP2MAD	G4DFI
2008 Apr01	2008 Apr08	Rodriguez Island	3B9	
2008 Apr01	2009 Jun30	Qatar	A7	DIRECT / Buro
2008 Apr01	2009 Apr01	Marion Island	ZS8 LZ3HI	MM0NDX
2008 Apr04	2008 Apr05	Guam	KH2 See Info	WE8A
2008 Apr06	2008 Apr12	Senegal	6V7I	SM7DXQ
2008 Apr07	2008 Apr16	Mariana Islands	KH0	AI5P
2008 Apr09	2008 Apr16	Micronesia	V63 See Info	OPDX
2008 Apr09	2008 Apr24	Mauritius	3B8	
2008 Apr16	2008 Apr19	Palau	T8 See Info	OPDX
2008 Apr16	2008 Apr24	Aruba	P40ZB	K9WZB
2008Apr19	2008 Apr26	Guernsey	GB0U	GW0ANA
			QSL OK via RSGB Buro or direct	
2008 Apr21	2008 Apr25	Jersey	MJ0MJH	M0MJH
			QSL OK via Buro or direct	
2008 Apr22	2008 May03	Albania	ZA	F4DTO Direct

SK AC6V

Rodney Dinkins, Oceanside, Ca 1931-2008

<http://www.ac6v.com>

Rod passed away February 16th. More info can be found here. Our family wants to thank all the wonderful, supportive emails we've received in these last weeks. Rod was a wonderful husband and father, and we miss him tremendously.



We also want everyone to know that Rod had been working with his son, Jeff Dinkins, to carry on publishing his books and keeping AC6V.com live and up to date, as well as attain his Extra Class license and to apply for the AC6V call sign.

We're working on getting both books published as quickly as we can, expect 1-2 more weeks. Link updates are already being done on a daily basis.

Best Regards - Karla (XYL), & sons Steve & Jeff

Looking for a few great or not so great writers.

The Editor is looking for some folks who would like a chance to express their views and write some Ham related articles for your club. Not so hard and I know others will enjoy your quips. Tell your story. Tell some friends story. OR, just tell a story. Some other folks have and so can you. Pictures always help in the writing so save a few and send them to the Editor for print. He probably will print almost anything to add a another page, HI HI.



SK K6QK HARVEY MILLER, San
Diego, Ca 1942-2008

From time to time, we run across a person who makes a great impact to our Amateur Radio service. A person who is willing to step in and do what ever it is that needs to be done. A person who touches many lives with the things he does. Harvey Hiller, K6QK was that type of person. Harvey Hiller K6QK was involved in many facets of Amateur Radio. His true love seemed to be that of DXing and Contesting, but he also was active in emergency service groups such as Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). Harvey Hiller

K6QK will be missed by many.

courtesy SDDXC, NZ6T

SK
Arlene Kaltman,
KF6LAF

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of one of the most known members of the Southern California DX Club, The 2008 convention just won't be the same without her.



OUR OWN HAPPY TRAVELER

From Andy WA6WXD

This time Viet Nam

Greetings ...

Well ... As many of you know, I've been away to Viet Nam experiencing quite a vacation. My travel buddy, Roger Merideth, and myself had a great trip and I did want pass along a few memories about this trip. This is a trip we wanted to make because we wanted to see life as it is today in Viet Nam after 40 years since the War there. Also to see some interesting cities and history from that part of the world. We were not disappointed at all it was a full 12-day tour of Viet Nam and worth it.

HO CHI MINH CITY, HUE, HOI AN, HANOI

OKAY ... that sums it up. Hotels were excellent and the food wasn't too bad if you stayed within that close circle of nice hotels. We found the people were really, really friendly that we encountered. My impression that most the populations were 20's, 30's and I never heard mention of any bad things about Americans, which was surprising & refreshing. Both Roger & I being military veterans were very interested in seeing WAR areas and museums. It was extremely fascinating to examine closeup & personal the Cu Chi Tunnels and WAR MUSEUMSalso personally touring the "HANOI HILTON " in HANOI where our American POW'S were held such as JOHN McCAIN (6-years) ...etc. Amazing stuff to see. Also I was surprised to see so many Communist RED Flags flying all over the entire country. I found out that this is required by their govt to fly those RED FLAGS on buildings that face major streets or public view. However, the people were just people just trying to make & eke out a living economically and everyone was more than pleased to get \$\$\$ when buying stuff. The \$\$\$ still goes well there ... at least for now. A nice vacation for 12-days more than enough interesting & exciting to see new things culturally. More than worthwhile ... especially if you've never been there. Traffic will BLOW-YOUR-MIND ...with crowds ... it's nothing like here at all !!! Internet was easy to do from therewith INTER-NET CAFES everywhere (mostly \$1 or less costs), too.

[See my pictures](#)





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